

Joseph Freeman House
Old Truro Road
Wellfleet
Barnstable County
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

JOSEPH FREEMAN HOUSE

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Location - North side of Old Truro Road, just north of Wellfleet Center,
in the Town of Wellfleet, County of Barnstable, Massachusetts.

Present owner - Mrs. Mary D. Puffer, 3901 Tunlaw Road, N.W., Apt. 301,
Washington, D.C.

Present occupant - Mrs. Mary D. Puffer.

Present use - Summer residence.

Significance - Cape Cod "double house", Federal influence, early 19th C.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Original and subsequent owners - Joseph Freeman was one of the owners, the
first owner that is known; other owners were a Mr. Cobb and Horace F.
Hallett. Present owner purchased property from the latter in 1945.

Date of erection - Dated 1835 by owner.

Architect - unknown.

Builder - Unknown.

Plans - None known to exist.

Alterations and additions - Modern kitchen ell added at the west, some interior
changes.

Historical events connected with structure - None known.

Important old views - None available.

Sources of information - Owner.

Likely sources not yet investigated - Old Maps, Histories of the area;
Wellfleet Town Records and the Barnstable County Records.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit - A Cape Cod "double house", with Federal influence.

Condition - excellent.

THE EXTERIOR

Overall dimensions - About 30 x 38.

Foundations - Brick.

Wall construction - Wall not exposed, probably post and beam, heavy timber frame. Shingled exterior.

Porches, stoops - Semi-circular brick stoop at front door.

Chimneys - Central brick chimney over original house, located at ridge.

Openings - doorways and doors - 6 panel front door at south entrance with 6 side lights, semi-elliptical fan above.

Windows - 9/6 light double hung wood sash. Louvered shutters.

Roof - shape, covering - Gabled, pitched, wood shingle cover.

cornice, eaves - Wood box cornice, dentil molding so. front. Narrow eaves.

Dormers - Rear of house - 4 windows.

THE INTERIOR

Floor plan - Central entry flanked by two window rooms at east and west with original kitchen, now living room, in back of these rooms. Buttery and small bed room at east of kitchen. Modern kitchen ell at the west. Second floor has 3 bedrooms and bath.

Stairways - Narrow stairs off front entry, run to the north. Rear stairs off of kitchen ell.

Flooring - Random width pine boards.

Wall and ceiling finish - Plastered walls and ceilings with wood wainscot first floor, to height of window stool.

Doorways and doors - 6 panel interior doors 1st floor; 4 panel interior doors, 2nd floor.

Trim - Very good interior trim with good fireplace mantels and paneling in east room, west room, and original kitchen.

Hardware - HL hinges, new. Some old cupboard catches on first floor.

Lighting - Electric.

SITE

Orientation - House faces south on north side of road, on terrace, lee of hill in pleasant setting.

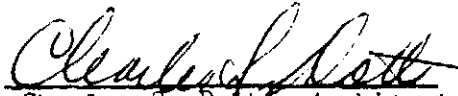
Enclosures - small picket fences between road and house.

Outbuildings - none.

Walks, driveways - Brick walk from road to front door; gravel driveway and parking lot west of house.

Landscaping - Informal planting of shrubbery, trees; good lawn, well kept.

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